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(TL:VISA-303; 07-30-2001)

RECIPROCITY

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Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]

P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-127; 10-13-1995)

None.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

(TL:VISA-261; 04-18-2001)

Most Latvian civil documents are available to Latvian applicants through their local civil registration offices and may be exported. If the documents will be used in the United States, the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia should legalize them. The U.S. Consul should authentic the documents in the Republic of Latvia. In the case of civil documents that are misplaced or have been lost or destroyed, the Civil Registration Department of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia may issue a new document after verifying the information furnished by the applicant.

It is possible for Latvian citizens or persons registered in the Residents' Register of Latvia to obtain civil documents from Latvia even if they are residing in another country. The request should be submitted to the Latvian Embassy in the applicant's country of residence.

Birth, Death, Marriage and Divorce Certificates

(TL:VISA-261; 04-18-2001)

Available through local district or city civil registration offices (their location may be specified at the Civil Registration Department of the Ministry of Justice). Records since 1906 are available. Records up to 1906 are available at the State History Archive (16 Slokas Street, Riga, LV 1048, telephone 612406 or 615955). There is no specific form required for initiating a record search. It usually takes one to three months to obtain a copy of the required document, depending on the precision of the information the applicant is able to submit. For birth records up to 1921, only church registration was made, so a person must know the church where he was registered.

The address of the Riga office for birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates is:

Riga Civil Registrar Office
Brivibas 86
Riga, LV-1001
Tel (371) 7312114

Adoption Decrees

(TL:VISA-127; 10-13-1995)

Available at the Central State Archive (1 Bezdeligu Street, Riga LV 1007, telephone 601342) or at the local council or court which issued the adoption decree.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)

Available through the Ministry of Defense (10/12 Krisjana Valdemara Riga, LV 1473, telephone: 323051). To obtain these records, the person must submit a written request, indicating the reason why the record is being requested. An individual can prove his military service also with a special enclosure in the passport, signed by the Head of the Local State Service Department.

Police and Prison Records

(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)

Police and prison records can be obtained at local police departments (their location can be specified at the Central Police Department at 61 Brivibas Boulevard, Riga, LV 1001, telephone: 376156) upon the individual request of the person these records refer to or his next of kin. These records can be obtained also if a governmental institution (it can be an embassy of a foreign country) files a formal request. To obtain a police certificate a person may also apply to the Visa and Passport Section of the Ministry of Interior (5 Raina Boulevard, Riga, LV 1050, telephone: 222913).

Court Record

(TL:VISA-127; 10-13-1995)

Court records can be obtained at the corresponding local court archives at the request of participants in the trial.

Residence Record

(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)

Information on a person's present place of residence may be obtained at the Republican Address and Information Bureau, 89 Stabu Street, Riga, LV 1009, telephone: 208131, or at the local police department.

Passports and Travel Documents

(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)

A Latvian citizen residing abroad can request a passport through the Latvian Embassy in the person's country of residence. In Latvia, passports can be obtained through the Service Section of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, 7 Audeju Street, Riga LV 1050.

Most Latvian citizens over the age of 16 have been issued the new Latvian passport that acts as a foreign travel document and domestic identity document. An exit stamp from the Latvian authorities for international travel is not needed. The Latvian passport may also include the following information about an individual, his/her spouse, children, and place of residence. Latvian passports are valid for ten years from the date of issue. Passports for individuals over the age of 50 do not contain an expiration date.

Alien Passport

(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)

The Government of Latvia issues an alien passport to Latvian residents who do not have Latvian citizenship. The passport is valid for immigrant and nonimmigrant visa issuance. The Latvian and/or U.S. reciprocity schedule should be followed when issuing nonimmigrant visas to bearers of these passports.

The passport cover is purple in color with the seal of Latvia and the words 'Latvijas Republika and Nepilsona Pase' embossed in gold on the cover. The passport is machine-readable and replaces an earlier Latvian document.

Former USSR External Passport

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The former USSR external passports held by non-citizen permanent residents are no longer valid for external travel or internal use.

VISA ISSUING POST

(TL:VISA-174; 01-12-1998)

Riga (E) NIV only, except K.

Immigrant and K visa applications for citizens of Latvia are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw.

GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED

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All of Latvia.